

Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for the North West Meeting on 9 December 2014

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Draft minutes of the meeting of the Committee for the North West held on 9 December 2014 at the Manchester office.

Members Tiffany Hunt (Chair)
Steve Garland
Bill Maynard
Aileen McEvoy
Virginia Tandy (Trustee)
Ivan Wadeson

Apologies Humphrey Welfare

1. **Chair's Report**

Oral

Tiffany Hunt, Chair of the North West Committee welcomed Carole Souter, Chief Executive and Colin Bailey, Director of Finance and Corporate Services to the meeting. She mentioned that Ian Morrison, Head of Historic Environment, would be joining the meeting after lunch. She also welcomed Maya Sharma, Development Officer to the meeting.

The Chair offered congratulations to Eilish McGuinness who had been appointed as the new Director of Operations.

Tiffany noted that she had attended the dinner for Country and Regional Chairs in London and had also attended several openings and launches of projects in the region including Gaskell's House and All Soul's, Bolton.

Finally, she thanked Karen Ziesler for her hard work over the past ten years. It would be her last meeting as Development Manager.

2. **Minutes from the meeting held on 23 September 2014**

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The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair as an accurate record of the meeting.

3. **Matters arising from the minutes**

Oral

Sara Hilton reported on a number of cases that had been determined by the Board since the last meeting:

- Finsley Gate Heritage Enterprise had been awarded first round pass of £2,327,300 including a development grant of £262,500 (89% of total eligible development costs) in September 2014.
- Carbon Landscape, a Landscape Partnership scheme had been awarded a first round pass of £2,210,600 including a development grant of £212,800 (68% of total eligible development costs) in October 2014.
- Hopwood Hall had been rejected at the Board meeting in November 2014 for the second time.
- Walton Estate had been rejected at the Board meeting in November 2014.

4. North West Overview

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Sara Hilton, Head of HLF North West, presented the overview.

The Chancellor's Autumn Statement announcement would have significant benefits for Manchester. A new theatre with flexible arts space had been confirmed for the old Granada Site which would be a permanent home for Manchester International Festival.

Sara reported that five Collecting Cultures applications from the North West had been successful at Board in September.

There had been a number of North West project openings in the last quarter. These included George Street Chapel, All Souls Bolton, Grappenhall, Gaskell's House and DadaFest 2014 which had received excellent press coverage.

An event would be organised in February to engage with potential applicants from diverse communities. The event would showcase a number of successful projects delivered by BAME organisations.

5. North West Budget

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Six second round applications were received totalling £7,816,200. At present, the Committee were able to fund all second round projects that met the quality threshold.

Seven first round applications had been received totalling £8,498,800 against a first round pass budget of £3,250,350. The Committee would need to prioritise these applications. There had been an underspend of over £1m at the last meeting and a lesser demand at the March 2015 meeting meant that there was flexibility to spend over the allocation.

6. Declarations of interest

Oral

Tiffany Hunt declared an interest in item 24, Quarry Bank Mill as she was a former employee of the National Trust North West and had previous knowledge of the project.

She also noted that two applications featured the National Trust as a partner: Padiham TH and South Pennines. As she had left the National Trust a number of years ago and had no knowledge of either application, the Committee were content that neither represented a conflict of interest.

Ivan Wadeson declared an interest in item 26, the Daniel Adamson project, as he was a previous employee of The Audience Agency, who had provided marketing material for the project.

He also mentioned that he had done some small scale fundraising including a pub quiz for 42nd Street, the applicant for the Horsfall Project. He had also been invited to join an advisory committee in the new year for Mossdale and George but had no knowledge of the current application. The Committee were content that neither represented a conflict of interest.

Steve Garland mentioned a number of potential conflicts:

- Bolton Egyptology Gallery: He was a former employee of the Bolton Museum and Archive Service. He had no knowledge of the project and would not benefit from the scheme financially.
- Scuriosity: He was Chair of the Lancashire Wildlife Trust who were a partner in the application. He had no knowledge of the project and the Committee were not the decision takers.
- Whitaker Project: He led team a team at the museum over a decade ago. He had no knowledge of the project.

The Committee were content that these did not represent conflicts of interest.

Decisions Between Meetings

7. Bank Hall; HG-03-00336/2 CNW 2014 (4) 7

A grant increase was requested by The Heritage Trust for the North West for Bank Hall. The application was taken forward as an urgent decision between meetings as waiting until the next Committee meeting was likely to increase costs.

The Committee approved a grant increase of £570,000 (to make a total grant of £2,261,000; 40% of total delivery costs) on 24 October 2014.

8. Ashton (Old) Baths; HE-13-05388 CNW 2014 (4) 8

The Committee for the North West had deferred its decision for the above project in the absence of appropriate information from the applicant at the September Committee meeting. To delay the decision until December would be likely to increase costs. Therefore an application was had been put forward for an urgent decision between meetings.

The Committee awarded a grant of £1,712,000 (56%) on 17 October 2014.

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9. Mossdale & George – Window on the World; HG-11-05958 CNW 2014 (4) 9

The Canal & River Trust sought funding to secure the future of two historically significant wide boats, *Mossdale* and *George* at the National Waterways Museum. The scheme would undertake urgent remedial works to the *Mossdale* and undertake the off-site re-build of the *George*. The proposals would also open up a historic slipway and deliver a programme of activities to engage new audiences with their waterway heritage and the history of the industrial North West.

The Committee for the North West awarded a first round pass of £937,600, including development grant of £147,300 (87% of eligible development costs) in June 2012.

The Committee considered that the project was well planned and would meet HLF aims at a high standard. They **awarded** a grant of of £790,300 (63%).

10. The Monastery Manchester: Sharing the Story; HG-11-07548 CNW 2014 (4) 10

The Monastery of St. Francis & Gorton Trust in Gorton sought funding towards a project to undertake conservation works around the monastery buildings, alongside developing heritage interpretation and an enhanced visitor programme to be housed within a new build front wing extension. The project would deliver much needed conservation to the built heritage, improve visitor engagement and deliver much needed flexible space to become a sustainable, publicly accessible community asset.

The Committee for the North West awarded a first round pass of £1,991,400 including development grant of £222,600 (70% of total eligible development costs) in March 2013. An uplift of £100 was sought.

Overall the Committee were supportive of the application and **awarded** a grant of of £1,768,900 (58%).

11. Restoring the Roch: rediscovering Rochdale's 'medieval' bridge CNW 2014 (4) 11

Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council sought funding for conservation works to a historic bridge in the centre of Rochdale, restoration of the natural habitat of part of the River Roch through the

town centre and a programme of activities for inner Rochdale communities. The wider scheme would reveal parts of the river and bridge by removing sections of the river covering. The historic fabric and features of the bridge would be restored and natural habitats reinstated to the river.

The Committee for the North West awarded a first round pass of £1,246,800 including a development grant of £54,200 (56% of total eligible development costs) in March 2013.

The Committee **awarded** a grant of of £1,150,700 (66%).

12. Bolton Egyptology Gallery; HG-11-06377

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Bolton Museum and Archive Service sought a grant of £1,884,600 (43%) to create a new gallery space to display and interpret their Egyptology collections which would improve display areas and renew outdated interpretation and visitor facilities. Access to the collections would be significantly enhanced and a programme of associated activities would be delivered.

The Committee for the North West awarded a first round pass of £1,938,100, including development grant of £115,300 (71% of total eligible development costs) in November 2012. An uplift of £61,800 (3%) was sought due to the changed scope of capital works and increased project costs.

The Committee **deferred** the decision until further information could be provided on the identified areas of concern.

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13. Eycott Hill Nature Reserve; HG-12-11338

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Cumbria Wildlife Trust sought funding to acquire Eycott Hill near Penrith, to enable the conservation of an important natural heritage site. The proposals would improve public access to the site and secure the long term management of the area for wildlife. A new visitor infrastructure would be created including a car park, signage, gates and public rights of way. A range of opportunities for learning, training and skills development would also be provided for different audiences.

The Committee for the North West awarded a first round pass of £1,434,000, including development grant of £52,200 (78% of total eligible development costs) in September 2013. An uplift of £287,400 (21%) was sought to enable the Trust to expand two new jobs to full time, associated full cost recovery and interest payable on acquisition costs.

The Committee **awarded** a grant of of £1,669,200 (76%).

14. Haworth Stables and Motor House; HG-12-09365

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Hyndburn Borough Council sought funding to enable Haworth Art Gallery to diversify its visitor offer and to target new, non-traditional gallery audiences. The project would bring the complex of three historic buildings back into use and developed into artist studios and a multi-purpose space for exhibitions and public events. A programme of activities and events would be delivered to engage local people and those from under-represented groups.

The Committee for the North West awarded a first round pass of £503,100, including development grant of £46,500 (78% of total eligible development costs) in June 2013. An uplift of £95,900 (21%) was sought due to design changes and insufficient professional fees allocated at first round.

The Committee **awarded** a grant of of £552,500 (91%).

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15. Refurbishment of the Cenotaph and Community Gardens CNW 2014 (4) 15

The Congleton Partnership sought a first round pass of £661,200 including a development grant of £24,400 (92% of total eligible development costs) to renovate the Cenotaph site, Congleton, linking it with the adjacent Community Garden to create a unified public space with full disabled access. The proposals would create more open site by incorporating an area of derelict woodland at the back of the War Memorial into the overall design and provide new seating and lighting to the site. An associated programme of community engagement comprising a continuation of activities funded as part of CTC's previous First World War project would be delivered.

The Committee **rejected** the application due to concerns raised.

16. Changing Gears at the British Commercial Vehicle Museum; HG-13-09741 CNW 2014 (4) 16

The British Commercial Vehicle Museum Trust sought a first round pass of £1,539,300 including development grant of £76,500 (87% of total eligible development costs) to refurbish the museum to provide the story of the development behind British commercial vehicles since the 1900s, bringing to life the people and passion behind invention and innovation. The collections would be redisplayed and reinterpreted with enhanced opportunities for learning and development.

The Committee considered that the project represented medium priority for support and **rejected** the application in light of the available budget.

17. Hough End Hall: bringing a Tudor Manor house into use as a community heritage asset; HG-14-00960 CNW 2014 (4) 17

The Friends of Hough End Hall sought a first round pass of £1,697,600 including development grant of £100,400 (81% of total eligible development costs) to acquire Hough End Hall, a Grade II* listed Tudor Manor House, to repair and renovate the building for use as a community facility. A range of heritage based activities would be delivered.

They **rejected** the application due to concerns raised and in light of the available budget.

18. The Horsfall Space; HG-14-01338 CNW 2014 (4) 18

42nd Street sought funding to restore and renovate one of the last remaining Victorian shops in Manchester, reinstating access to the building as a new innovative space for arts and heritage. Ancoats local history and the Thomas Horsfall collection would be focal points for learning for young people with mental health issues. Works would include the refurbishment of timber window frames, new floor structures and an external stairwell extension to allow for a new lift. A range of activities would be delivered to engage with young people and hard to reach communities.

The Committee considered that the project represented high priority for support and **awarded** a first round pass of £539,800 including development grant of £73,300 (73% of total eligible development costs).

19. South Pennines: Celebrating our Woodland Heritage; HG-13-04926 CNW 2014 (4) 19

Pennine Prospects sought funding to survey and record the archaeological heritage of the ancient woodlands across the South Pennines. The project would engage new audiences in a programme of community activities with over 200 volunteers recruited and trained to undertake the work.

The Committee considered that the project represented a high priority for support and **awarded** a first round pass of £358,900 including development grant of £40,600 (74% of total eligible development costs).

20. Bringing Untold Stories to Life for Everyone; HG-14-02280 CNW 2014 (4) 20

Carlisle Cathedral sought funding to enhance the visitor offer at the Cathedral through a creation of a new visitor hub and programme of engagement activities. The project would undertake urgent repairs to the Fraternity building including the restoration of the Smirke doorway. Café facilities would be developed and the library displays rearranged. The proposals would improve interpretation of the cathedral and collections would be digitised to wider access further.

The Committee considered that the project represented a high priority for support and **awarded** a first round pass of £1,963,900 including development grant of £81,100 (54% of total eligible development costs).

21. The Whitaker Project; HG-13-05905 CNW 2014 (4) 21

Rossendale Borough Council sought a first round pass of £1,738,100, including development grant of £90,000 (90% of total eligible development costs) to convert the stable block adjacent to the existing Whitaker Museum into a multi-use space, enabling more of the Rossendale Collection to be displayed. Works would include the creation of a large exhibition and function space within the stable block to accommodate up to 150 people, enhancement of the café facility and creation of a landscaped patio area to allow external performance space and improve and extend storage space for the collection to allow greater public access.

The Committee considered that the project represented a low priority for support and **rejected** the application due to concerns raised.

22. Prioritisation of first round items Oral

During the case by case discussions:

- *Bringing Untold Stories to Life (Carlisle Cathedral), South Pennines: Celebrating our Woodland Heritage and The Horsfall Space* were identified as high priority for support
- *Changing Gears at the British Commercial Vehicle Museum* was identified as a medium priority for support
- *Hough End Hall and The Whitaker Project* were identified as low priority for support
- Refurbishment of the Cenotaph and Community Gardens was rejected due to concerns raised.

The high priority projects were awarded first round passes with development funding. The medium and low priority cases were rejected due to concerns raised and in light of the available budget.

• **Grants for Places of Worship**

23. GPOW Overview and Applications CNW 2014 (4) 23

In the North West, seven first round applications with a grant request of £1,524,900 were received against a regional budget of £982,000. At the initial sift, English Heritage advice was that two schemes appeared comparatively less urgent. These cases were recommended for rejection (23f and 23g).

Due to an underspend at the last meeting and with some additional central funding confirmed by Colin Bailey, if all remaining cases met the quality threshold, there would be sufficient funds to support them.

The Committee:

- iii) awarded first round passes totalling £467,300 to applications 23a-e.
- iv) rejected two applications marked 23f-g.

22a	Warrington - St Oswald's Church, Winwick	PCC St Oswald's Church, Winwick	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £338,200 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £46,600 (95% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
22b	Rosendale - St Bartholomew's C of E, Whitworth	St Bartholomew's C of E, Whitworth	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £129,100 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £10,900 (52% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
22c	Sefton - Holy Trinity Church, Southport	Holy Trinity Church, Southport	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £245,000 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £38,700 (78% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
22d	Carlisle - Our Lady and St Wilfred's	Parish Our Lady of Eden, Carlisle	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £238,200 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £34,000 (89% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
22e	All Saints Church, Stand urgent tower repairs and interpretation of the heritage	The Parish Church of All Saints, Stand	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £210,700 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £22,100 (76% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
22f	Sefton - St Nicholas' Church, Blundellsands	St Nicholas' Church, Blundellsands	REJECT
22g	Tameside - St Mary's Parish Church, Newton with Flowery Field	St Mary's Parish Church Newton with Flowery Field	REJECT

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24. The Quarry Bank Project; HG-12-09544

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Tiffany Hunt left the room before discussion of the item commenced. Bill Maynard took the Chair.

The National Trust (North West) sought a grant of £3,880,000 (32%) towards a project to transform the visitor offer at Quarry Bank Mill and Styal Estate in Cheshire. The project would conserve the buildings and landscape, improve interpretation and restore a number of buildings and grounds to open these to the public for the first time. A new welcome building would be constructed to orientate visitors and on-site access would be improved. The scheme would safeguard Quarry Bank's future and enable people to engage more fully with its story. A range of volunteer and training activities would be provided.

The Board awarded a first round pass of £3,045,800 including development grant of £164,400 (48% of total eligible development costs) in May 2013. An uplift of £999,000 (35%) was sought due to increased delivery costs relating to enhanced understanding of visitor needs.

Overall, the Committee considered that the project represented a **high priority** for support. The Board would determine the application in January 2015.

25. Polli:nation (South East) cross territory; HG-12-08595

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Learning Through Landscapes Trust sought a grant of £1,389,100 (72% of eligible delivery costs) towards delivering a three year, project working with 260 schools to improve their grounds in order to attract more pollinating insects, create a series of stepping-stone environments and to improve diversification and numbers of species across the UK. A website and interactive map offering resources, and displaying results and photographs would be created, and a symposium delivered in each country in the final year.

The Board awarded a first round pass of £1,297,800 including development grant of £26,000 (60% of total eligible development costs) in March 2014. An uplift of £117,300 (9%) was sought due to increased costs for the UK wide OPAL survey.

The Committee considered that the project represented a **high priority** for support. The Board would determine the application in January 2015.

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26. The 'Daniel Adamson' Maritime Heritage Project; HG-11-05224

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Ivan Wadeson declared an interest and left the room before discussion of the item commenced.

The Daniel Adamson Preservation Society sought a grant of £3,801,900 (70%) to restore the Daniel Adamson, a steam-powered tug/tender, and subsequently operate it as a static visitor attraction and deliver a programme of cruises on the River Mersey, Weaver and Manchester Ship Canal. The Daniel Adamson had been identified by National Historic Ships as of national significance. A programme of activities and volunteering opportunities would also be delivered.

The Board awarded a first round pass of £3,025,300, including development funding of £37,300 (55% of total eligible development costs) in October 2012. An uplift of £813,900 (27%) was sought due to increase costs, particularly associated with the shipyard.

The Committee considered that the project represented a **high priority** for support. The Board would determine the application in January 2015.

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• **Heritage Grants**

27. Scuriosity: Red Squirrel Programme (North East); HG-14-02960

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The Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts sought a first round pass of £1,149,400 including a development grant of £51,600 (81% of total eligible development costs) for a three year project focusing on the conservation of red squirrel populations in four areas of the UK. The scheme would deliver a programme of ecological monitoring and management across the UK enabling all red squirrel conservation activity to be fully evaluated and best practice identified and shared. An associated series of training and volunteer opportunities would be created and over 100 public engagement activities would be delivered.

The Committee considered that the project represented a high priority for support. The Board would determine the application in January 2015.

- **Heritage Enterprise**

28. Leigh Spinners Mill Business and Community Enterprise Centre; HE-14-00514

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Leigh Building Preservation Trust sought a first round pass of £4,998,500 including a development grant of £434,500 to develop the mill as a mixed-use business and community enterprise centre. Urgent works would be undertaken to make the building watertight, refurbishment works would include roof and window repairs and new works to the building would install lifts and stairs. Opportunities for volunteering would be provided including a memory collecting and research project.

The Committee considered that the project was not currently a viable scheme. The Committee recommended that the case should be **rejected**. The Board would determine the application in January 2015.

- **Townscape Heritage**

29. Townscape Heritage Overview

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The Committee noted the overview.

30. Gladstone's View – Northgate Townscape Heritage Project Blackburn; TH-13-12932

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Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council sought a first round pass of £1,549,900 including a development grant of £50,000 (50% of total eligible development costs) to repair and regenerate 24 target buildings and deliver public realm improvements to the centre of the Northgate Conservation Area. Complementary training and learning initiatives would be delivered in partnership with Blackburn College and developed to address skills gaps identified through their partnership with Jobcentre Plus.

The Committee considered that the project represented a **high priority (1 of 2 for the region)** for support. The Board would determine the application in January 2015.

31. Regeneration of Liverpool's Chinatown and Ropewalks

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Liverpool City Council sought a first round pass of £1,500,000 including a development grant of £6,000 (50%) to address derelict and under-used buildings in the Duke Street Conservation area. The works would centre on a number of under-used Georgian properties, primarily in Chinatown, but also in the wider Ropewalks area, bringing vacant historic floorspace back into use.

The Committee considered that the project represented a **low priority** for support. The Board would determine the application in January 2015.

32. Padiham Townscape Heritage Initiative NH; TH-14-04260

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Burnley Borough Council sought a first round pass of £1,328,600 including a development grant of £59,000 (66% of total eligible development costs) for a Townscape Heritage project focusing on the small retail core of the Padiham Conservation Area. The scheme would target 19th century buildings within a compact area along Burnley Road. The proposals would conserve the historic streetscape of Padiham with public realm improvements to improve the pedestrian environment and repair and refurbishment works to vacant properties.

A previous TH application for Padiham was rejected in January 2014 as the scheme was considered under-developed and evidence of support from property owners was limited.

The Committee considered that the project represented a **high priority (2 of 2 for the region)** for support. The Board would determine the application in January 2015.

33. Prioritisation of TH items

Oral

Gladstone's View – Northgate Townscape Heritage Project, Blackburn and Padiham Townscape Heritage Initiative were considered high priority for support. Of the two cases, *Gladstone's View, Blackburn* was thought to be the highest priority for the region.

Regeneration of Liverpool's Chinatown and Ropewalks was considered a low priority for support.

Papers for discussion

34. Heritage Enterprise (HE) – Review of Year 1 of the programme

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Ian Morrison, Head of Historic Environment, presented the review.

Papers for information

35. Development review	CNW 2014 (4) 35
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41. Collecting Cultures Update	CNW 2014 (4) 41
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The Committee noted the papers.

43. Any other business

Oral

There was none.

The next meeting will be held on 3 March 2015.